

**REMARKS**

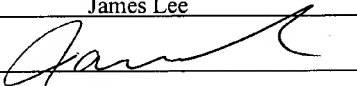
Applicant hereby elects with traverse the subject matter of Claims 7-14, 17 and 19 corresponding to Group 3.

Applicants have also submitted a PTO form 1449 and it is requested that the references be reviewed and cited of record in any responding action.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, the undersigned attorney can be contacted at the listed telephone number.

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